

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Applicants are required to elect a single invention from:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a blend,

Group II, claims 10-14, drawn to a method for making a block copolymer and

Group III, claim 15, drawn to a nitroxide.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-9.

Applicants also elect the species:

B1 of claim 1, a triblock copolymer,

as component A) of claim 2, polystyrene and

as a triblock copolymer of claim 5, polystyrene-polysiloxane-polystyrene.

Applicants submit that these elections constitute a complete response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants respectfully await consideration of the claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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